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SUBJECT: MEXICO TO SEEK SEAT ON COUNCIL OF FAO

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1. AS INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT REQUESTED REFTTEL, EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND TO GOM'S OCTOBER 19 NOTE ALONG LINES OF EXPRESSING APPRECIATION OF U.S. IN BEING INFORMED OF CANDIDACY AND ASSURANCE THAT GOM CANDIDACY WILL RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT IT IS USUAL PRACTICE OF U.S. TO SUPPORT ELECTION OF COUNTRIES WHOSE CANDIDACIES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED AS RESULT OF CONSENSUS OR OTHER SELECTION METHOD BY MEMBER NATIONS OF THEIR REGIONS. IT CAN BE ADDED IN REPLY NOTE THAT IN EVENT NO REGIONAL SLATE IS ACHIEVED, U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH MEXICAN DELEGATION ON THIS MATTER DURING FAO CONFERENCE.

2. NOTE. LATIN AMERICAN REGION IS ASSIGNED 6 OF PRESENT 34 COUNCIL SEATS. TERMS ARE FOR 3 YEARS AND ARE STAGGERED.

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THOSE EXPIRING NOVEMBER 1973 (ARGENTINA, PERU) AND

DECEMBER 1974 (BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA), PLUS ONE NEW SEAT (IF COUNCIL EXPANDS TO 40, AS ANTICIPATED), WILL BE FILLED AT THIS CONFERENCE. REMAINING LA SEAT (CHILE) WILL NOT EXPIRE UNTIL NOVEMBER 1975. REGIONAL SLATES

OF NOMINEES ARE GENERALLY DETERMINED EARLY DAYS OF CONFERENCE BY CAUCUS CONSENSUS OR VOTE BY MEMBER NATIONS OF EACH REGION. ACCEPTANCE BY U.S. AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE IS ALMOST PRO FORMA WHERE REGIONAL NATIONS ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THEIR SLATE. SIMILAR RESPONSE WILL BE MADE TO APPARENTLY SIMILAR NOTE RECEIVED HERE THROUGH WASHINGTON EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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